

Orient Land Trust – February 2007 E-Newsletter

Hello, and welcome to our first newsletter of 2007. With the exception of our annual fall paper newsletter, all Orient Land Trust communications are done via e-mail. So if you wish to stay informed about all things OLT and Valley View, please keep your e-mail and postal address current. If you wish to be removed from our e-mail list, just reply to this message with REMOVE in the subject field.

Winter is here, it's beautiful, and it's not crowded at Valley View! If you are seeking a quiet, peaceful atmosphere, *now* is the time to visit. Unlike the city, we do not have thousands of cars sliding around crowded roads fighting for that last slush-free parking space. Check us out before the spring break rush starts - click [here](#) to see what accommodations are available.

Thank you for your financial support! We are grateful to the many hundreds of OLT member contributors who have responded to our Fall 2006 Donation Drive - we could not accomplish our mission without you! Every dollar you donate goes towards land preservation, so by becoming a new member or renewing your Orient Land Trust membership you are helping to preserve the open spaces and clear skies that keep this a special, beautiful place. If you haven't become a member yet, please visit our Ways to Give web page to see how to join the OLT family of supporters - there are valuable benefits for you, plus all donations are tax-deductible. You may donate online, or print a contribution form to mail in with your check.

New Astronomy Host position this summer: In order to take advantage of our spectacular dark skies, we are announcing a new summer "Astronomy Host" volunteer position. Over the years, many visitors have inquired about star-gazing with our telescopes so we expect that this will be a highly popular program! We are looking for people with an interest in astronomy and experience with telescopes that are willing to spend at least two weeks onsite in the summer; click [here](#) for a complete job description and application. As with our other volunteer positions, the astronomy host may camp here for free for the duration of their commitment. See Volunteering for additional details, job descriptions, and applications to print and mail in. *The deadline for applications is February 20th, 2007.*

Application deadline approaching for all 2007 onsite volunteer positions: As with the new Astronomy Host position, the deadline for applying for all 2007 summer volunteer positions (Camp Host, Discovery Host, Bat Tour Host and Astronomy Host) is **February 20th, 2007.** Please visit our **Volunteering** web page for complete descriptions and applications.

Do you have a 2006 OLT t-shirt? Featuring a wonderful, colorful design by Edward Adamic, we still have some tanks, t's and long sleeves but they are going fast. **We're looking for new design ideas for our next shirt.** We welcome submissions of new designs until **March 31st, 2007.** The winning designer will receive a \$250 credit in their household account for future visits to Valley View. Please e-mail submissions (in .jpg format) to greg@olt.org. Let your creative, artistic juices flow!

2007 Raffle Coming Soon! After the fund-raising success of our 2006 raffle (thanks to you!) we are having a raffle again this year. Look forward to more great prizes including a large cash grand prize this year. Thank you for your continuing support, and keep an eye out for more information when the 2007 Orient Land Trust Raffle gets rolling soon.

Donations for Raffle Needed. If you would like to support Orient Land Trust by donating a

product or service with a fair market value of \$150 or more, please send us an e-mail at info@olt.org so we can get an idea of what prizes we will have available. All donations of goods and services are tax-deductible to the donor. So we can proceed with our raffle plans, please send us your information by **February 20th, 2007**.

If the snowy winter is getting you down, come soak your blues away at Orient Land Trust / Valley View Hot Springs as we all look forward to a lush, green spring thanks to our abundant moisture. See you soon!